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1. SAHIBZADA RAOOF ALI, CHAIRMAN, AND SYED ASRAR HUSSAIN, SECRETARY, PAKISTAN NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD DEPARTED ISLAMABAD FEBRUARY 14, TO REPRESENT GOP AT TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF CND. AS GOP DEL DEPARTED WITHOUT FORMAL INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO RECEIPT REFTEL, EMBASSY UNABLE TO SECURE READING ON ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO GOP ON CND AGENDA.

2. SAHIBZADA RAOOF ALI - BORN C 1927. HOLDS MASTERS DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB. HAS THIRTY YEARS EXPERIENCE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AS POLICE OFFICER. GRADUATE OF FBI ACADEMY IN 1963. IS OLDER BROTHER OF SPEAKER OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. WAS TOP POLICE OFFICIAL IN PUBJAB PROVINCE WHEN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN, PNCB ON AUGUST 23, 1966. VISITED GENEVA AND EUROPEAN CAPITALS FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS AS CHAIRMAN, PNCB IN NOV-DEC 1974. IS VERY STRONG
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INDIVIDUAL WITH FIRM OPINIONS. CAN BE EVASIVE IN

CONVERSATION. DIRECTS PNCB VIRTUALLY AS ONE MAN OPERATION.

3. SYED ASRAR HUSSAIN - ABOUT 50 YEARS OLD. SECRETARY OF PNCB SINCE ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED. ORIGINALLY FROM CUSTOMS SERVICE. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF PNCB AND INFLUENTIAL IN MOST DECISIONS OF PNCB, OFTEN BY DELAYING ACTIVITY. HAS ATTENDED SEVERAL UN MEETINGS ON NARCOTICS.

4. FOR USDEL - DEPSITE PROMISE OF BRIG. MALIK, SECRETARY OF MININTERIOR, TO GET BACK TO EMBASSY WITH ANSWERS TO PROBLEM AREAS BY END JANUARY AND EARLIER. SIMILAR PROMISE FROM SECRETARY OF CABINET, WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY RESPONSE AT THESE OR ANY OTHER LEVELS OF GOP TO ISSUES WHICH CONCERN USG. WE HAVE RECEIVED SOME ANSWERS FROM CHAIRMAN, PNCB ON FIUS AND AERIAL SURVEY BUT NOTHING ON DOMESTIC LEGISLATION, ACREAGE CONTROLS, FUNDING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR TRAINING AND DIALOGUE ON POSSIBLE OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR POPPY GROWING AREA. ACREAGE CONTROL LICENSES STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ISSUED FOR CROP NOW GROWING AND NO INDICATION WHETHER GOP SERIOUSLY INTENDS TO LICENSE PRODUCTION FOR ONLY OPIUM GUM. IT INTENDS TO PURCHASE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
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